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MAYOR HEALY TO ANNOUNCE CAR SEAT SAFETY PROGRAM AND CAR SEAT INSPECTION STATION

JERSEY CITY-- Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the **Municipal Council** and the **Jersey City Police Department** in conjunction with the **Jersey City Medical Center** will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for **Jersey City's Car Seat Inspection Station** at **10:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, February 5, 2009** at **201 Cornelison Avenue**.

"The proper installation of car seats is vital to the safety and protection of our children," said **Mayor Healy**. "Not only is this program the first of its kind in Jersey City but also for Hudson County as a whole. It is important in a city as diverse as ours, that our residents – many of whom hail from foreign countries with different regulations – know the laws here regarding car seat safety."

The **Car Seat Safety Program** promotes the use of child safety seats and the dire need for proper installation. The Jersey City Police Department and Certified Child Passenger Technicians will inspect child safety seats for proper installation as well as provide informative and thorough training sessions.

This program stresses the importance of securing your child in the car and the need for proper installation. This service will be available on the **first** and **third Thursdays** of each month from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** English and Spanish speaking officers will be present to demonstrate how to properly install the seat in the vehicle.

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death of children over the age of six months in the United States. The proper use of child car seats is one of the simplest and most effective methods available for protecting the lives of our young children in the event of a motor vehicle crash.

Funding for this program has been made possible by the Jersey City Medical Center who received \$38,000 for the year from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety and Safe Kids Hudson County.

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Since November of 2008, 33 car seats have already been inspected through the Car Seat Safety Program.

For more information regarding the Car Seat Safety Program, please call the Jersey City Traffic Safety Unit at 201-547-5402.

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